ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಇದೆ. ಆ ರೇಷಿಯೋ ಪ್ರಕಾರವೇ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನೇಮಕಮಾಡಿರುವುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗಿದ್ದಮೇಲೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ರೇಷಿಯೋಕ್ಕಿಂತ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ಫಸ್ಟ್ ಡಿವಿಜ಼್ ಕ್ಲಾರ್ಕುಗಳು 50 ಜನರಿದ್ದರೆ, ಸೆಕೆಂಡ್ ಡಿವಿಜ಼್ ಕ್ಲಾರ್ಕುಗಳು 250 ಇರಬೇಕು. ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾಸ್ತಿಯಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—In the Secretariat, there is a peculiar circumstance and therefore this proportion is fixed.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ತಾವು ಇಷ್ಟುಬಂದ ಹಾಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರಮೋಷ಼್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಹೇಗೆ? ಇಷ್ಟು ಜನರನ್ನು ಫಸ್ಟ್ ಡಿವಿಜ಼್‌ಗೆ ಪ್ರಮೋಟ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಇದನ್ನು ನಿಗದಿಮಾಡಿ 7-8 ವರ್ಷಗಳಾದುವು. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಹಾಗೆ ನಡೆಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದೆ, ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಮಾಡಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡ.—ಖಾಯಂ ಫಸ್ಟ್ ಡಿವಿಜ಼್ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳು 150 ಇರುವಾಗ ಈಗಿರುವ 184 ಜನರನ್ನು ಹೇಗೆ ಖಾಯಂ ಮಾಡುವುದು?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎ. ಜಿ. ರಾಮಚಂದ್ರರಾವ್.—ಫ್ಲೋಸ್ ಇರುವುದು 150; 184 ಕ್ಯಾಂಡಿಡೇಟ್ಸ್ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ಪರ್ಯಾಲೋಚನೆಮಾಡಿ ಮುಂದಿನ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

Confidential information (Selling by Secretariat Officials)

Q.—318. **Sri M. V. RAMA RAO** (Tumkur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The number of Superintendents and other officials of the Mysore Government Secretariat who have been discovered by the Chief Minister to be selling confidential information ;

(*b*) the number of such officials who have been transferred out of the Secretariat on that ground since 23rd September 1954 ;

(*c*) the nature of the agency employed by the Chief Minister for making this discovery and the expenditure incurred ?

A.—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education) [On behalf of Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) The matter is under investigation.

(*b*) and (*c*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*) above.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know what is the matter that is under investigation ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The question itself suggests the answer as to the matter which is being investigated.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is there any ascertained number of cases that have come to the notice of the Government of the kind referred to in the question?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—That is also under investigation ; but I may say this, necessarily and naturally it would be a small number.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is the Hon'ble Minister in a position to state the actual number of cases that have come to the notice of the Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Just at present I am not in a position to give the number.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is he not in a position to say one or ten or hundred ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—As I said, it is a small number.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—May I know what is the nature of agency to investigate ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—It is an ordinary official enquiry.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the designation of the official who has been deputed for making this investigation ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No special officer has been appointed for the purpose.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Then, who is making the investigation ? Is it any of the Ministers or is it any servant of the Government ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Usual official channels would be used for the purpose.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—What is the cause for secrecy in stating the designation of the official deputed for this purpose ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I have answered that question, Sir.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—The Hon'ble Minister has not given any reason for not disclosing the designation of the official agency employed for the purpose.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The usual official channels; that is indicative enough.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Are there any cases of transfer having been effected by reason of such a conduct on the part of any Superintendent ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—The enquiry is not complete. After the completion of the enquiry, action would be taken.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Is it not a fact that the Chief Minister while speaking to the members of the Mysore Government Secretariat Club on the 23rd September 1954 told them that it had come to his notice that some Superintendents and other officials of the Secretariat had been selling official confidential information and therefore some of them would be transferred immediately ? Is it not a fact that he made that statement ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—I do not remember exactly the statement; something to that effect, I think, has been made.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Was it on the very suspicion of the Minister that he made that statement, if no cases have come to their notice ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—He did not say it on suspicion; some definite information has reached him and therefore he has said that action would be taken.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Then, some ascertainable information must have come to their notice; what is that information ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That question was answered.

Sri M. V. RAMA RAO.—Question has been put but answer has not been given.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Answer also has been given.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—Has anybody been suspended pending investigation, Sir ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No.

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—May I know the nature of information ?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No, Sir, I cannot give that information.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Sir, I would suggest to defer this question till the Chief Minister comes. Perhaps the Minister for Education may not be in a position to give all the facts. Since it is the Chief Minister that has made this statement, I suggest that this question may be deferred till the Chief Minister is here, as he would be in a better position to answer all the questions.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No, Sir. All the questions have been fully answered and at this stage the Leader of the Opposition is putting forward this suggestion. I have answered all the questions.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—This is a very important point, Sir. Certain allegations have been made against certain officials by the Chief Minister. I do not know whether he made this in his personal capacity or as Government. But, as allegations are made, in fairness to Government and in fairness to him, it is proper that the Chief Minister is here and answers this question. Though the Education Minister is competent to answer the question, he is not quite competent to answer all these questions since he is not a party to this statement. If the Chief Minister is here, perhaps, he may throw more light on this.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—No, Sir. This is a dangerous precedence to ask the person to come before this House and answer.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—So, I want to know whether that statement was made by him on behalf of Government or in individual capacity. If the Minister says that it was made on behalf of the Government, then, I think, he is justified in answering it. If he says that the statement was made in the personal capacity of the Chief Minister, without the matter being brought before the Cabinet, then will the Chief Minister answer ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Adequate number of questions are put and answered. Hon'ble members may take another opportunity to discuss the matter.